

PETITION

OF

CITIZENS OF BARNSTABLE COUNTY, MASS.,

REMONSTRATING

*Against the repeal of the act allowing bounty to vessels engaged in the
codfishery.*

FEBRUARY 26, 1846.

Ordered to lie on the table, and be printed.

*To the honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the United
States in Congress assembled :*

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BARNSTABLE, January 30, 1846.

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